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MAKING PLANS FOR LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

LOCAL COMMITTEE PREPARING A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN

OUR QUOTA \$474,000

Train Carrying War Relics and Speakers Will be Here Thursday, October 3.

Loyal local citizens are rapidly formulating plans to make the fourth Liberty Loan campaign in Lowndes county a success, and when the drive begins next Saturday many workers will enter the field to solicit subscriptions.

A feature of the local campaign will be a visit to Columbus by one of the several war relics trains which are being sent out by the federal government to boost subscriptions. The train, which will arrive Thursday, October 3, at 11:55 a. m., and remain here two hours, will carry relics from the French battle fields and there will also be on board soldiers and sailors who have been in the war zone to tell where these relics were secured and to describe modern warfare as it is now being practiced on the various foreign battle fronts. There will likewise be in the party two speakers who will urge upon the people the necessity for purchasing Liberty Loan bonds.

Mr. Ira L. Gaston, who is directing the local drive, on yesterday received a telegram stating that Lowndes county's quota had been fixed at \$474,000. This is more than twice the amount that the county has been asked to subscribe to any former loan, and Mr. Gaston requests the people to come forward liberally with subscriptions next Saturday and Sunday, which have been designated as volunteer days.

The following is the personnel of the committee which will conduct the fourth Liberty Loan campaign in Lowndes county: County director, I. L. Gaston; director of publicity, P. W. Maer; director of speakers' bureau, B. A. Lincoln; director of sales, F. P. Phillips; director of bankers' group, S. H. Ayres; director of supplies, J. P. Woodward; director of four-minute men, R. E. Johnston; director of woman's auxiliary, Mrs. H. F. Simrall; vice-director of woman's auxiliary, Mrs. J. T. Sanford; publicity director of woman's auxiliary, Miss Mary Govan Billups.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The American people will be asked to subscribe in the three weeks beginning next Saturday the greatest loan in all history.

The treasury department announced tonight that the amount of this, the Fourth Liberty Loan, will be \$6,000,000,000. The bonds will bear 4 1/4 per cent interest and will mature in twenty years, with the government reserving the right to pay them in fifteen years if it elects.

In making public these final details of the loan, the treasury also gave out the quotas each federal reserve district is expected to subscribe and from which will be figured the share of each state, county, city and hamlet. Apportionments for states and smaller subdivisions will be worked out by district organizations and announced within a few days. By the time the campaign opens a moment after next Friday midnight, every community may know gain the coveted honor flag.

In assigning quotas, the treasury took into consideration unusual conditions either of prosperity or of business hardships, as well as the banking resources of each district.

New York with its big financial interests and corporation headquarters, is asked to raise \$1,800,000,000, or 30 per cent of the total. The Chicago district quota is placed at 14 1/2 per cent and Cleveland 10 per cent. Dallas, partly because of recent droughts in the southwest, is asked for only 2 1/10 per cent.

COLLEGE OPENS SESSION WITH MANY STUDENTS

WAR HAS NO DELETERIOUS EFFECT UPON THE ATTENDANCE

PROSPERITY AHEAD

Thirty-fourth Session Promised to Be a Most Successful One.

The Mississippi Industrial Institute and College opened its thirty-fourth annual session Tuesday, and the large number of students who have already matriculated indicates that the dormitories will soon be filled to overflowing. These dormitories were thrown open for the reception of students Monday, and about 300 young ladies arrived on that day, while every train reaching the city Tuesday brought additional recruits to the student body. The attendance at the college reached the high water mark last session, when there were 945 matriculants, and President Whitfield is confident that number of students will be equally large this year, though the attendance is not expected to reach its zenith until somewhere around October 1.

Columbus is essentially a college town, and the opening of the big institution has infused new life into its entire population. There are several local mercantile establishments and refreshment stands which cater almost solely to college trade, and a number of these places which have been closed throughout the summer have reopened their doors for the fall and winter season. Several of the teachers resigned at the close of last session, and while successors to most of them have been secured there are two vacancies yet unfilled, President Whitfield having as yet found it impossible to secure a secretary for the college Y. W. C. A. to take the place of Miss Nina Perkins or an instructor in the department of history to succeed Miss Lena Ellington. Miss Ellington was granted an indefinite leave of absence in order that she might take up Y. M. C. A. work in France, while Miss Perkins tendered her resignation.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN CAMPS.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 25.—In twenty-eight camps in the southeastern department during August, 1,934,789 soldiers and sailor spectators watched \$22,285 of their fellows engage in various sports under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. A total of 71,237 games, meets, hours, etc., were conducted to reach these totals.

Camp Wheeler, Fort Screven and Miami failed to make reports to the southeastern department headquarters. A total of 2,757,074 khaki and blue clad boys were reached through the physical activities of the Y. M. C. A. in these twenty-eight camps during August, either as participants or spectators.

There were 13,185 more games, meets, bouts, etc., conducted in August than in July; there was an increase of 197,040 participants 51,190 spectators and 248,230 total men reached.

In popularity, based again ranked first for the month, participants and spectators in this sport showing 786,950 men reached, made up of 150,561 players participating in 10,622 games, which were witnessed by 636,391 spectators. If this sport alone, an increase of 68,220 men reached is noted.

Boxing was again second, reaching 561,666 men, an increase of 161,922 over July.

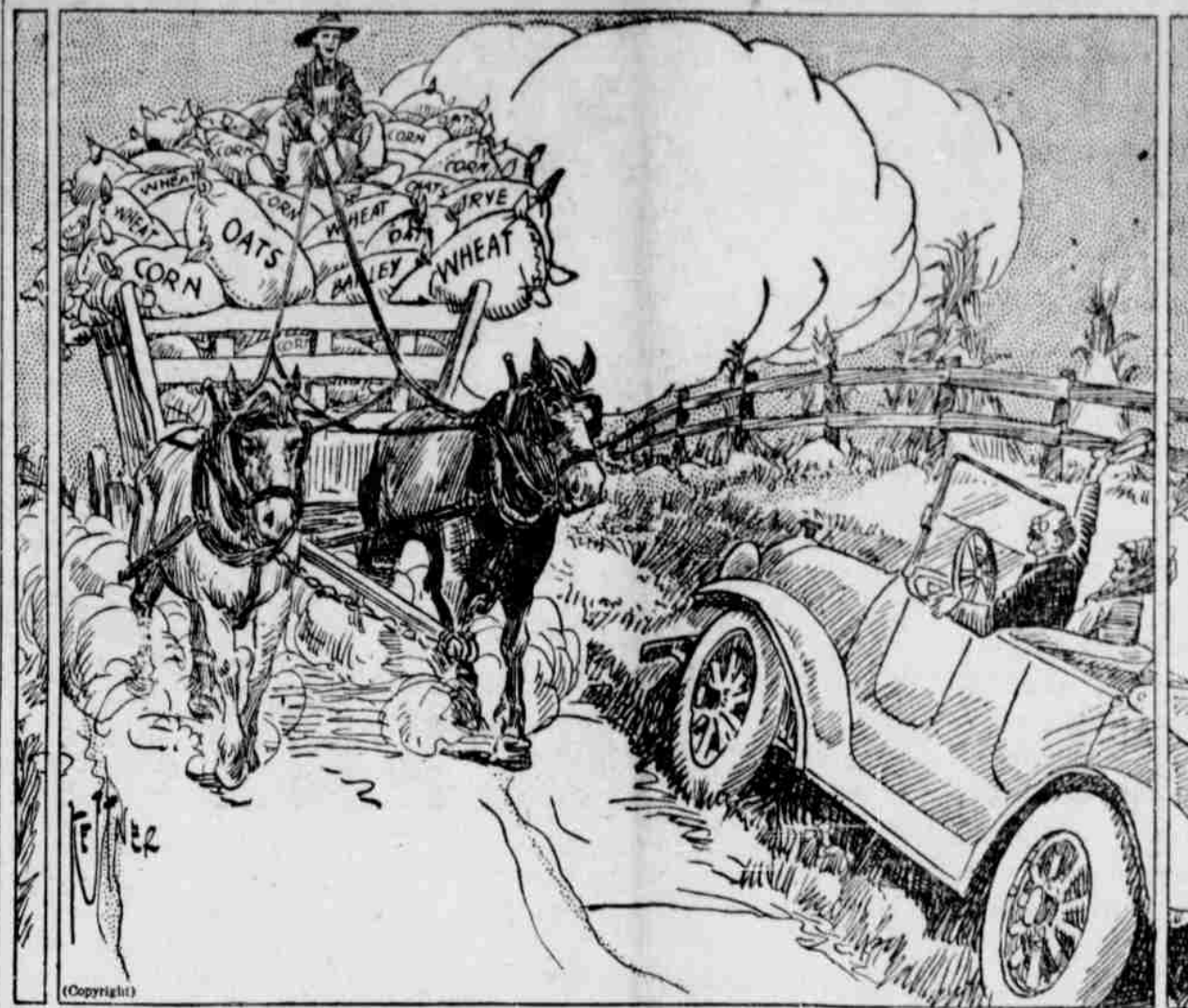
Volley ball, which ranked fourth in July, moved into third place in August reaching 257,010 men, an increase of 10,749 over July.

NICE SUM RAISED.

The local canvass for funds for Jewish relief work was very successful, the committee in charge of the canvass, which consisted of Messrs. W. B. Harrington, J. P. Woodward, Henry Beard, Hogan Duncan and J. J. Richards, having collected a large sum.

Miss Antoinette Moore left last week for Memphis, where she will teach to one of the public schools of that city.

The Right of Way



PIGGY WIGGLY HAS NOVEL FEATURES

TOUR OF SELF-SERVING STORE PROVES TO BE DECIDEDLY INTERESTING.

Local housewives are to be congratulated upon the fact that a Piggy Wiggly has been opened in Columbus, as the economical plan upon which the establishment is operated enables its proprietors to sell goods at a very small margin of profit, and in these days of high prices, each penny counts, and it is important every possible saving be made. The Piggy Wiggly, which is located at 119 South Market street and which is under the management of Messrs. Cox Brothers, formerly of Starkville, is operated on the self-serving, cash-and-carry plan, thus eliminating the cost of clerk hire, deliveries and other expenses usually incurred by grocery merchants.

The plan upon which the Piggy Wiggly is operated embraces many unique features, and a trip which a Commercial representative recently made through the establishment proved very interesting. The scribe wondered, for instance, how such commodities as cheese, salt pork, potatoes, onions, apples and other articles usually weighed or measured by clerks were dispensed. He was, however, soon enlightened regarding this phase of the business. The cheese and salt meat, which are kept in scrupulously clean refrigerators, are cut in slabs, the exact weight of each slab being marked thereon; so a customer pays only for what he or she gets, even to the fraction of an ounce. Apples, potatoes and other similar commodities are done up in packages of convenient sizes, with the prices plainly marked thereon, and in adjacent containers are samples showing the exact character of the fruits and vegetables which have been put up into packages.

The Piggy Wiggly is doing a splendid business, nearly one thousand customers having been served on the opening day last Saturday, while it is estimated that fully four thousand people went through the establishment on tours of inspection.

NEW SCHOOL COMPLETED.

The new school house on the Air Line road, about two miles east of Columbus, and, while small, is modern in every respect. In drawing the plans special effort was made to secure abundant light, and the desired end was attained by placing numerous large windows in the building. While outside the city limits, the building is within the confines of the Columbus school district and was erected to replace a structure which was destroyed by fire last spring. It cost about \$500 and was erected by J. A. Northcutt, a local contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Pope will have as week-end guests, Mrs. Pope's sister, Mrs. F. F. Jones and daughter, Lillian, and Mr. D. E. Nichols, of Greenwood. They will be making a farewell visit on Mr. Pope's account, before he leaves for Y. M. C. A. work abroad.

MORTON PITCHES TEAM TO VICTORY

VERNON TWIRLEY WINS DIVISIONAL ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR CAMP PIKE.

A party of prominent Pythians including Hon. H. M. Quin, keeper of records and seal for the Mississippi grand lodge, Hon. A. Beard, a gifted orator, and Mr. S. C. Reagan, superintendent of the insurance department, are touring the state for the purpose of interesting members in war work, will be in Columbus next Tuesday and will deliver addresses at Castle Hall on South Market street Tuesday night, appearing under the auspices of Tombigbee Lodge No. 12.

The subject of Mr. Beard's address will be "Fraternity's Part in the World's War," while Mr. Quin and Mr. Reagan will speak on appropriate topics.

The meeting will be public and the people of Columbus are extended a cordial invitation to hear these gentlemen, all of whom are forceful and convincing speakers.

PROGRAM AT HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT.

On Friday evening, September 27th in the High School auditorium, everyone is invited to attend what is called in college a get-together stunt night or athletic rally. The program will consist of songs, short talks, cheers, negro stunts, a negro comedy and fun generally. None too young or too old to come and if you have a spark of pride in your new high school activities, you will be there, wearing a smile. The public is cordially invited to be there; in fact, expected to be there. Admission is absolutely free. Curtain rises at eight o'clock sharp and if you are late, you will miss part of the fun.

MICKIE SAYS

DIDJA EVER STOP TO THINK THAT, NEXT TO THE KAISER'S GOAT, YER SOLDIER BOY'D RATHER HAVE A COPY OF THE OLD HOME PAPER REGULAR THAN ANYTHIN' ELSE IN THE WORLD?



PROTEST FIXING COTTON PRICES

DELEGATION FROM SOUTHERN STATES APPEARS BEFORE COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Protests against the government fixing basic prices for standard grades of cotton marked the beginning Tuesday of the deliberations of the new committee named to investigate the cotton situation.

A delegation of the cotton states official advisory marketing committee appeared before the committee late after conferring at the capital with Senator Smith of South Carolina and his associates from the cotton states. J. J. Brown, Georgia's commissioner of agriculture, headed the delegation and voiced what he termed the protest of the farmers against price fixing. Mr. Brown is president of the advisory marketing bureau and the presidents of the farmers' unions of those states. He said his organization believed the law of supply and demand should govern prices.

While willing to submit to any act of the government as a war measure, Mr. Brown said he did not believe such drastic action as price fixing is necessary. The wisdom of the appointment of the cotton distribution committee, empowered to "buy cotton for the government and the allies, and to allocate it as to quality and grade to all domestic and foreign consumers, was questioned by Mr. Brown and the other delegates.

The government's theory that some control must be exercised over distribution of the lower grades of cotton, so as to force them on the domestic market and thus release greater quantities of the higher grades for government requirements was based upon an erroneous view, Mr. Brown said. The lower grades, he added, are being distributed normally, and governmental interference would be unwise from an economic standpoint.

BRUNSWICK STEW SATURDAY.

The War Relief of the Shuk-ho-ta Tom-a-ha chapter of the D. A. R., will serve a delicious luncheon of Brunswick stew, hot coffee, and breads on Saturday at the store formerly occupied by Mr. R. E. Leigh on Market street. The proceeds of the luncheon will be devoted to the future Liberty Loan Bonds, the national organization having pledged \$100,000 to this cause.

FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY.

The first football game to be played here this season will take place by the Stephen D. Lee high school and the Amory high school. The game will be played on the campus of the Franklin Academy at 3:30 o'clock. An admission of 25 cents will be charged to town people.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young have many friends who much regret to learn that their son, Mr. H. V. Young, is seriously ill in the navy hospital at New Port, R. I. suffering from pneumonia.

TRIAL OF W. M. WARE RESULTS IN ACQUITTAL

CLAIM OF SELF DEFENSE UPHOLD BY SEVERAL WITNESSES

TRIAL A SHORT ONE

Examination of All Witnesses in Case Requires But a Few Hours.

Sensational evidence was introduced yesterday when Mr. W. M. Ware, who, on September 18, shot and killed Mr. H. S. Nichols, was arraigned for trial before Justices of the Peace T. M. Cummings and H. M. Nickels, the prosecution having attempted to show that the shooting resulted from attentions on the part of Ware to Miss Florence Dorr, a step-daughter of the dead man, rather than from business differences, as was claimed by the defense. This contention was, however, successfully refuted by the defense, and the court, having become convinced that Mr. Ware shot in self defense, ordered that he be released without bond.

Miss Dorr, who was among the first witnesses introduced, testified that Ware had been friendly towards her but that their intimacy had gone no further than friendship, there never having been any improper relations between them.

The defendant, when placed on the stand in his own behalf, described the difficulty in detail and swore that he fired in self defense. He said that the difficulty resulted from a dispute over cotton and that when he fired the first shot Mr. Nichols was attempting to draw his pistol. He claimed further that he had extended many favors to Mr. Nichols, having advanced him money with which to meet his expenses while he was making his crop.

Mr. Frank Ware, a son of the defendant, who was present when the shooting took place, corroborated the testimony given by his father. Dr. J. Utthoven, who reached the side of the dead man soon after the shooting, swore that he was armed. Messrs. J. W. Gardner and R. L. Smith, proprietors of a local cotton warehouse, swore that they heard Nichols make threats against the life of Ware at their warehouse on the day of the shooting.

Ware was represented by Col. William Baldwin and Messrs. Sturdivant, Owen & Garnett, while the case was prosecuted by District Attorney Guy Rencher and E. E. Callaway, a member of the local bar.

W. H. SMITH ANNOUNCES.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 25.—William H. Smith, president of the A. & M. College, Starkville, has announced his candidacy for Governor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary elections to be held in 1919. Mr. Smith is a native of near Vernon, Lamar county, Alabama, and is 52 years of age. He is a graduate of the Iuka Normal Institute.

He taught school at Ackerman, Europa and Durant, and was county superintendent of education in Holmes county. He was appointed State Superintendent of Education by Governor Brewer in September, 1914, and elected to that office in 1915. He was appointed president of the A. & M. College in 1916.

LABOR REGISTRATION LARGE.

More than 3,000 men have enrolled their names in the registration of labor now being conducted here under the auspices of the Lowndes County Loyalty League. The registration includes all males between 16 and 60 years of age and booths are being maintained in every voting precinct throughout the county. The 3,000 registrants mentioned above, however, are all Columbians, as no figures from rural communities are yet obtainable.

The registration in Columbus is being conducted in the Chamber of Commerce and in charge of Julius Marx, secretary of the Community Labor Board, who is being assisted by W. E. Johnson, F. D. Ellis and Ike Winston.

The many friends of Mr. Gid D. Harris regret to learn of his illness. He was accompanied to Birmingham by Dr. J. W. Lipscomb the first of the week.

RIGHT WING OF BULGAR ARMY IN RETREAT

RETIREMENT FORCED BY CAPTURE OF DRENSKA MASSIF BY ALLIES

SERBS ADVANCE

Make Uninterrupted Progress Along Eastern Bank of Gradsko-Prilep Road.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The whole right wing of the Bulgarian army is in retreat. This retirement was forced by the capture of Drenska Massif by the allies. When the French entered Prilep they captured great stores of booty. The incoming troops were enthusiastically welcomed by the population of the city. The Bulgars have been forced to retreat on the Bana-Krushevo line again. (This is on the center of the front.)

On the allies' left (in Albania) the Bulgarians have been compelled to fall back. They are retreating to the Elbasan district where the roads are poor and a hindrance to rapid movements.

The advance of the Serbians along the left bank of the Vardar river and north of the Gradsko-Prilep road continues without interruption and the stores of captured booty are growing, the Serbian war office announced in the following official statement today.

"We are advancing uninterrupted along the left (eastern) bank of the Vardar, also north of the Gradsko-Prilep road. The French have entered Prilep. The enemy is fighting rear guard battles while falling back on Velea. Considerable booty was taken by us along the Gradsko-Prilep road. We have counted 13 guns, a great number of ammunition wagons and a Bulgarian hospital outfit along with 120 wounded. Many Rumanian soldiers have been liberated from Bulgarian captivity."

PYTHIANS WILL MAKE TALKS HERE

THREE PROMINENT FRATERNAL MEN TO SPEAK AT CASTLE HALL TUESDAY NIGHT.

Mr. Guy Morton, whose successful pitching enabled the soldier's team at Camp Pike to win the army baseball championship for the southwest, is a local product, having made his first appearance in professional ranks about seven years ago, when Columbus had a team in the old Cotton States League.

Morton is a native of Vernon, Ala., and came here from that town. His pitching attracted widespread attention, and he soon began to climb upward, having finally joined the Cleveland team. He was recently inducted into the National Army, and is now at Camp Pike.

ELSIE FERGUSON AT PRINCESS. ALSO WAR REVIEW.

The attraction of the Princess for today, Thursday, Sept. 26, is beautiful Elsie Ferguson, in Tolstoy's "The Danger of War," it is a wonderful story of a sweet girl's struggle against an inherited curse, and of a love that conquers over all.

Also on the same program, as an added attraction, "The Allied War Review," genuine authentic pictures made at the front, but authorized Government photographers, showing every phase of the present battle against Kaiserism.

The admission is 5 and 15 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Sparks, of the Dunbar neighborhood, spent Monday in the city.

ONE SPOON, PLEASE.

Make one spoon of sugar
Do the work of two.
Keep the program going
Until the war is through.

★ MORE FRUIT and LESS SUGAR ★

★ How? ★
★ More Less ★
★ Canned Fruit Jam ★
★ Dried Fruit Jelly ★
★ Fruit Butter Preserves ★
★ Fresh Fruit Sweet Pickles ★
